

USS PITTSBURGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The USS PITTSBURGH Coordinating Committee established a Scholarship Fund in honor of the USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720) upon the occasion of its commissioning on 23 November 1985. The scholarship is a symbol of appreciation by the City of Pittsburgh and its individual and corporate residents toward the USS PITTSBURGH and its crew and dependents.

The USS PITTSBURGH Scholarship Fund is administered by the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Scholarship applications from **former** crew members/dependents will be filed with the current Scholarship Chairperson who serves as the Secretary of the Selection Committee. Scholarships will be awarded annually and they are designed to offset only a portion of an applicant's education expenses. The Scholarship Committee will determine the amount of the award. Scholarship recipients may reapply for renewal of the award, but the same application process **MUST** be followed. **ALL** applications will go through the review process by the scholarship committee.

The first priority for consideration of an award to **past crewmen/dependents of the USS PITTSBURGH** will be awarded for attendance at 501(c) (3) non-profit accredited institutions. Exceptions to this guidance can be made by the selection committee but the exceptions are rare and must be justified. **If applicant is planning to attend a non 501(c) (3) non-profit accredited institution**, please provide justification including why this school is unique and the reason for selection of this 501(c) (3) non-profit accredited institution.

Recipients will be notified by U.S. Mail and e-mail.

Procedures for former USS PITTSBURGH crew or dependents:

Current and former USS PITTSBURGH crew and their dependents are eligible to apply for scholarships. Applications will be accepted only **through 30 April**.

Former crew members/dependents submit applications (via U.S. Mail or e-mail) to the Scholarship Chairperson:

Mr. John F. Caspero, Jr.
142 Alpine Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017
Cell: 412.519.6467
Home: 412.257.6141
jfcaspero@verizon.net

If there are questions or clarifications on any requirements of the application, feel free to contact the scholarship chairperson.

In addition to the application, include a **RESUME**, a statement of **WHY** the scholarship is desired, and **TWO** letters of reference including, if possible, one from an educator that addresses the applicant's ability and character (not a **relative**), and pertinent official transcripts. Current high school students should send an official high school transcript; college students should send an official college transcript. If applicant has no prior college attendance, he/she should **also** send a copy of the college acceptance letter as soon as it is received. Official transcripts and letters of acceptance which are not available to be mailed with the application should be sent to the Scholarship Chairperson.

The committee must have a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution as soon as the candidate receives it. The checks are sent to the educational institution in late August by the Pittsburgh Foundation.

All application packets must be complete and postmarked by 30 April or e-mailed by 30 April to be considered for an award.

CHECKLIST

- Application
- Resume
- Statement of desire
- Two (2) letters of reference
- College transcript (college students)
- High school transcript (high school students)
- Acceptance letter
- Justification if requesting assistance to attend a non- 501(c) (3) non-profit accredited institutions
- Former crewmember or dependents; verification of service aboard the USS Pittsburgh by crewmember/sponsor.

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